



**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
Division of Workers' Compensation
220 French Landing Dr.
Nashville, TN 37243
1-800-332-2667**

**NOTICE OF IMPAIRMENT RATING RULE
0800-2-17-.25**

IME

THIS RULE IS NOT APPLICABLE TO INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS ("IME").

THIS RULE APPLIES TO ALL WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS WITH MAXIMUM MEDICAL IMPROVEMENT DATES ON OR AFTER JANUARY 8, 2009.

REQUIREMENTS

A treating physician who determines the employee's maximum medical improvement date for the distinct injury he/she is treating shall also determine the impairment rating.

WHO IS A TREATING PHYSICIAN

A treating physician is defined in these rules as:

- 1. a PHYSICIAN CHOSEN FROM THE PANEL required by T.C.A. Section 50-6-204;**
- 2. a PHYSICIAN REFERRED TO BY THE PHYSICIAN CHOSEN FROM THE PANEL required by T.C.A. Section 50-6-204;**
- 3. a PHYSICIAN RECOGNIZED AND AUTHORIZED BY THE EMPLOYER to treat an injured employee for a work-related injury; or**
- 4. a PHYSICIAN DESIGNATED BY THE DIVISION to treat an injured employee for a work-related injury.**

FILING

The impairment rating shall be sent to the **ALL PARTIES AND THE DIVISION on a Form C-30A within 21 calendar days of the date the treating physician determines the employee has reached maximum medical improvement.** The copy to be filed with the Division can be provided by Fax, 615-532-8546, or by mail, Workers' Compensation Division, 220 French Landing Drive, Nashville, TN 37243-1002.

CHARGE

The treating physician shall charge a fee of **no more than \$250.00.** For payment, the charge must be submitted to the appropriate insurance company, third party administrator or employer.

The information is provided as a summary. For a copy of the complete rule please go to <http://tnsos.org/rules/PublicNecessityRules.php>.